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### DNR Statement on Weidon Spring Record of Decision

I have been notified that the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have reconsidered their approach to the protection of groundwater resources at Weldon Spring. Until further study has been completed, the final decision to address groundwater contamination at the site will be delayed so that long-term solutions are more fully developed.

in the meantime, interim actions will be taken to move forward and address solvent (TCE) contamination at the site. This Interim decision also provides for further study and review of other chemical and radioactive contamination and possible cleanup solutions. I support both actions. We must however, reserve our final judgement until the detailed plans are provided for our review.

DNR remains committed to resolving the issues of contaminated groundwater at this and other sites to assure safe drinking water for our citizens and protection of our groundwater resources. At the Weldon Spring site we will continue to insist that the Department of Energy pursue all reasonable groundwater cleanup alternatives to protect the interests of Missouri citizens and the environment.

Much work remains to be completed to reach agreement on the final groundwater remedy. That work will include review and input from Missouri's citizens. Defining acceptable long-term operation and maintenance provisions for this site is paramount to assuring the completeness of the cleanup.

I want to thank the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency for working together with us to enhance this vital Missouri resource. I also want to thank Missouri's citizens and local governments for their support in the cleanup of this site.

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